

Conference Call: Arkansas Environmental Justice (EJ) Update

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

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Draft Agenda

1. Federal plan to reduce regional haze in Arkansas (R6)
2. Arkansas Environmental Policy Summit (Arkansas Public Policy Panel)
3. Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan (R6)
 - a. Quarterly status updates on key activities in the plan
 - b. Last update completed on October 28, 2016
 - c. Next request for updates planned for January 3, 2017
 - d. Seeking inputs from EPA, State agencies, and community partners
4. Other Items of Interest
 - a. Arkansas EJ Network Website
 - i. Proposed by Ms. Emily Harris, Faulkner County Citizens Advisory Group
 - ii. To support EJ communication, information sharing, and networking
 - iii. Email to survey interest sent by Ms. Harris on September 14, 2016
 - iv. “Yes” responses from Ms. Emily Lane, Mr. Robert McAfee, Ms. Scharmél Roussel, and Ms. Anika Whitfield
 - v. Next steps for individuals interested in working on project
 - b. October 25, 2016 – R6 Quarterly EJ Update call; shared the audio recording with group, so those unable make the call could listen to it later
 - c. November 2016 – Environmental Justice Small Grants
5. Next and Future Calls Schedule – Send topics for next call.
 - a. February 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
 - b. May 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
 - c. August 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
 - d. November 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Talking Points

1. Welcome everyone to the quarterly Environmental Justice (EJ) Update call for Arkansas. I'm Tressa Tillman, the EJ Community Liaison for Arkansas.
2. I want to end a little before 3:00 pm today because there is an EJ Small Grant pre-application assistance call scheduled for 3:00 pm, and I want to allow anyone interested in attending that call time to get dialed in.
3. Roll Call: Let's do a quick roll call to see who we have on the line with us.
4. EPA Program Update: EPA finalized its plan to reduce haze in national wildlife areas in Arkansas in August 2016. To talk more about the plan, I've invited Mr. Guy Donaldson, who is the Chief of one of two State Implementation Sections for EPA Region 6. Thank you for joining us today, Guy. Please tell us more about the federal plan. (Federal plan to reduce regional haze in Arkansas signed on August 31, 2016; poc: Guy Donaldson, Chief of the State Implementation Section A)
5. Are there any questions regarding the regional haze plan? Thank you again, Guy.
6. Next on the agenda, we have invited Ms. Anna Weeks from the Arkansas Public Policy Panel to provide a recap of the first Arkansas Environmental Policy Summit held in September 2016 in Little Rock. Thank you for joining us for today's call, Anna. Please tell us more about the summit and any plans for future events.
7. Are there any questions for Anna? Thank you again, Anna.
8. Moving on through our agenda is the Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan. We continue the quarterly status updates on key activities in the plan. The last update was completed on October 28, 2016, and shared with everyone on our email group. The end of 2016 will mark the first year of our work on the two-year plan. As we head into 2017, we will continue to include updates from our EPA programs, State agencies, and community partners. In 2017, we will also start to discuss how we want to refine the plan. Was it too much? Not enough? Do we want to revise any of the focus areas and key activities to get more tangible results? Do want to the plan to more closely align with EJ202? These are things that I think we need to work through as a group. Are there any thoughts or questions on that? More to come in 2017.
9. Arkansas EJ Network Website. Next, on the agenda is the Arkansas EJ Network being launched by Ms. Emily Lane of arkansasfracking.org and Ms. Emily Harris of the Faulkner County Citizens Advisory Group. Thank you for joining us, Emily and Emily. Please tell us more about the Arkansas EJ Network. Questions? Thanks again!
10. Environmental Justice Small Grants. Next, I want to give a reminder that the Request for Proposals for Environmental Justice Small Grants is now open. I shared the info with you on November 2, and really encourage you or someone you know who may be interested to apply. Proposals are due on January 31, 2017. There is a pre-application assistance call scheduled for 3:00 pm today. I encourage anyone who may be thinking about applying to attend today's call or one of the other two calls planned. Questions?
11. Next and Future Calls Schedule. Finally, I listed dates for our 2017 quarterly calls to help you plan accordingly. I'll also send out meeting invites, so you can put them on your calendars.
12. Thanks to everyone for joining us for today's call. Happy Holidays, and I'll we'll do this again in the New Year. Bye-bye!